



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Headteacher's Update

I hope that this letter finds you well and that your children have had a successful third week of home learning.

In this update:

- Remote Learning
- Uniform Consultation
- Options Process (Year 8)

### Remote Learning

At the beginning of the week we sent out overviews for each year group summarising the learning for all subjects this half-term; I hope that you found these useful. Teachers are continuing to set lots of work so that there is enough to keep students engaged. As I suggested at the end of last term, we recognise that students will work at different rates and therefore you should feel confident to help your children prioritise so that they do not feel overwhelmed. For the older students in particular (Years 10 & 12), teachers will be maintaining contact with students and will contact parents if they are concerned about a lack of response. If you have any concerns about your child and how they are engaging with remote learning please do contact their Year Leader, who can liaise with teachers.

### Uniform Consultation

We continue to make progress with our long-term planning for school improvement. One aspect of this that we had hoped to launch in March (though, for obvious reasons, has been delayed until now) is a uniform consultation. I am not specifically planning any changes to the school uniform, however as I approach a year in post I felt the time was right to gather the views of students, parents and staff. I would appreciate hearing from you and your children via this survey:

<https://tinyurl.com/emmbrookuniform>

The survey is also being sent to all students via the Show My Homework app.

Please be reassured that if we did decide to modify the uniform, changes would not come into effect until September 2021 at the earliest.



Options Process (Year 8)

Year 8 students and parents were on the verge of embracing on the GCSE options process just as the current restrictions began to be implemented and as a result we paused at that time (postponing the scheduled Options Evening). We have been continuing to review the situation to ensure that our provision gives your children the best possible experience. I intend to write to all Year 8 parents in the coming days with a clear plan of action.

As always, I do appreciate hearing your feedback ([nmcsweeney@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:nmcsweeney@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)).  
Take care.

Best wishes,

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